

Bluster Regatta

Notice of Race

Indian River Lagoon, Ballard Park, Melbourne

January 24 & 25, 2026

Organizing Authority: Hobie Division 8

Ballard Park, EGAD "The Eau Gallie Art District", Melbourne, FL 32901

The notation "[DP]" in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2025 – 2028 *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and class rules.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all classes of boats including A-Cat (Classics and Foilers), Hobie 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, and Wave, F16, F18, Nacra 15/17/Carbon 20, Weta and **OPEN** classes.
- 3.2. Eligible boats should enter and pay online through the Regatta Network website by 11:59pm, January 16th, 2026. OA has the right but not the obligation to allow late registrations. No refunds after December 30th, 2025.
- 3.3. All A-Cat competitors must be paid A-Class members and in good standing of their respective class association.
- 3.4. Any HCA or FWC legal boat constitutes the Wave class.

4. Fees

- 4.1. Required Fees:
Doublehanded boats until 0000 on January 6, 2026: \$150
Singlehanded boats until 0000 on January 6, 2026: \$120

5. Schedule (tentative)

Thursday, January 22nd

OPEN Evening: Although racing doesn't officially begin until January 24th, sailors are welcome early to get some practice time on the Indian River Lagoon. Recommended restaurants and bar list, both for the Art District and Downtown TBD.

Friday, January 23rd

Practice racing, any informal on water RC TBD.

Saturday January 24th

900 – 1100 – Registration

1030 – Competitors' meeting

1200 – First warning signal (3-5 races scheduled each race day, tba)

1700-1800 – (Social planned, TBA possible food truck)

Food (truck) provided (details to be added).

**Additional raffle tickets available at registration and at gatherings.*

Sunday, January 25th

1000 – First warning signal. *Earlier start* is possible pending weather conditions.

1400 – No initial warning signal for a new race after this time

Awards to follow racing, Pavilion at Ballard Park

***Starts times subject to change depending on weather (including starts at 8am).

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be available online by January 16, 2026, on Regatta Network. To reduce paper waste, copies will be available onsite only on request per day, with limited paper copies available.
- 6.2. Online sailing instructions may be changed by Thursday, January 22nd, 2000, without a posted amendment.

7. Venue

- 7.1. Racing will take place in the Indian River Lagoon, Melbourne, on Florida's Space Coast, Brevard County, .25 mile NNE of the Eau Gallie Causeway (518).
- 7.2. The regatta venue is Ballard Park, launch from Ballard Park ramps or grassy embankment, Melbourne, (Indian River Lagoon, On Florida's Space Coast).

8. Penalty System

- 8.1. For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. If 5 or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her races scores, excluding the competitors' worse score.

10. Radio Communications

10.1. Competitors are strongly encouraged to carry personal VHF radios (on their person) to monitor race committee communications. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

11. Prizes

11.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority soon as reasonably practicable.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. Insurance

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance required at registration.

14. Further information

14.1. Please contact Mark Herendeen, 321-863-4426.

Additional Information

Accommodation:

- Hotel Melby. 801 Strawbridge Ave, (Downtown) Melbourne, FL 32901. 321-361-3663.
Special group rates:

Kings - \$169

Double Queens - \$179

Discounted valet parking - \$12 each vehicle, per night, per room

Overnight valet parking is available. This hotel is Pet friendly – call for fees. Early bookings are HIGHLY recommended, and we are awaiting approval of discounted parking rate as well. Limited Public parking in hotel garage is available.

RVS: (No tents/campsites)

RVs limited to 6 with parking only in the grass field south of the tennis courts, mapping to follow. Absolutely no gas-power generators or campfires allowed. There are NO water or electric hookups available to RVs. Early arrival is okay, no earlier than Thursday, January 22nd after 5pm. To reserve a potential RV space at the park please contact Mark. First contact/first served.

There are several campgrounds but January – March on the East Coast is the prime season and most of these sell out a year in advance. You will need to call and check on cancellations.

Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr, Melbourne, FL 32935. 321-255-4307

Palm Shores RV Park, 5090 N US Hwy 1, Melbourne, FL 32940

Lucky clover Mobile Home & RV, 635 E Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32937

Long Point Campground. 700 Long Point Rd, Melbourne Beach, FL 32937

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksAndRecreation/ParksByCity/ParksInMelbourneBeach/LongPoint>